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Have looked over the settlement offered by the DOJ to Microsoft in this case
I can't help but wonder why congress doesn't start looking at Microsofts
anti-trust exemption, not baseballs.

The "remedies" have no chance of working. Only the largest companies will be
able to get access to the desktop, smaller one's will be shut out, again.

Who's idea was it to have Microsoft pay the "watchdog panel"? That's like
having the residents of Sing-Sing pay the guards and expecting no one to
escape.

This was a huge sellout by the DOJ and did nothing for anyone. Hopefully the
other 9 states that had the sense to not buy into this settlement can get
some real change brought about in MS's practices.

I'm very disappointed in this settlement, and I think the taxpayers got
ripped off on 6 years of legal costs for no apparent gain.

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